

TOWN OF COLEBROOK

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I am writing in opposition to RB #404, an act concerning the elimination of building permit fees for Class I Renewable Energy Projects.

As the only municipality in Connecticut that has been approved for the development of two commercial wind turbine facilities, this bill would negatively impact the municipal revenue of our small town.

Colebrook presently maintains a residential tax base of over 87%. We depend upon additional revenue from other sources, such as zoning and building fees. A project of this magnitude would provide Colebrook with a substantial revenue that is much needed in these difficult economic times.

I urge you to vote in opposition to this bill and leave it, if needed, available by local ordinance option.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. McKeon
First Selectman